

In 2008, LHA rebranded as Metro West Housing Solutions to reflect its evolving mission. Today, MWHS remains a fiscally responsible, well respected non-profit and is known locally and nationally for its housing and service delivery. Current projects include the City-Scape at Belmar, Lamar Station Crossing and 5800 W. Alameda.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Metro West Housing Solutions for this well-deserved recognition from the Jeffco EDC.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE JOHN GILCREST O'ROURKE

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of the Honorable John Gilcrest O'Rourke, a former judge and active member of the community in Hanford, California, who sadly passed away on March 9, 2017 at the age of 82.

Mr. O'Rourke was born January 11, 1935 in Hanford, California. After graduating from Lemoore High School, he went on to attend the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana. While a student at Notre Dame, Mr. O'Rourke met his wife, Joan, and the couple married January 3, 1959. The couple had five children, Peggy, John, Katie, Ellen, and Thomas.

In 1956, after graduating from the University of Notre Dame, Mr. O'Rourke was commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Navy. While in the U.S. Navy, he served as a Fuel Quality Control Officer in Guam, sailed on a destroyer in the Pacific during Eniwetok atomic testing, and conducted patrol operations in the Strait of Formosa in Taiwan. After twenty-seven dedicated years of service, Mr. O'Rourke retired from the U.S. Navy as Captain, U.S. Navy Reserves.

John's successful legal career began at the University of California Hastings College of Law, San Francisco in 1960. He was admitted to the State Bar of California in 1965 and began his law practice as an attorney with Clawson and Jennings in Hanford and Lemoore. He was appointed and elected District Attorney, County of Kings in 1966, and served until 1979. Mr. O'Rourke left his judgeship to serve in private practice until 1985, when he was later sworn in as a Judge of the Municipal Court for the County of Kings. He was later sworn in as a judge in the Superior Court in 2001 for the county and state. While serving as a Judge, Mr. O'Rourke was known for his strong belief in the law, the Constitution and personal responsibility. In 2003, he retired the only way he knew how, and immediately began participating in the California Retired Judge Program, having last sat on the bench in December of 2016.

John was truly a staple of the community and was known for his visibility and activity in Hanford. He felt his status as a judge gave him a greater obligation to give back to his community, and he was often seen scrubbing pots, making pancakes, and cleaning up at events and fundraisers. John held leadership positions across the community, where he was a Minister and lector for St. Brigid's Parish, a Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, a

Rotarian, school parent volunteer for McCarthy School, Hanford High volunteer, and a member of the YMCA Board, among many others. Despite his many great achievements and long list of volunteer work, above all Mr. O'Rourke was known for being humble.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life and achievements of Mr. John Gilcrest O'Rourke. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF FALL-EN MISSISSIPPI SOLDIER MARINE CORPS FIRST LIEUTENANT (1LT) THERREL SHANE CHILDERS

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of Marine Corps First Lieutenant (1LT) Therrel Shane Childers who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending our nation on March 21, 2003, during Operation Iraqi Freedom III. 1LT Childers was killed during an assault on a pumping station in Iraq. He was the first American casualty in Operation Iraqi Freedom III.

1LT Childers grew up in a military family in Harrison County, Mississippi. After high school, 1LT Childers enrolled in the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina. Seven months after his death, a memorial service and parade were held there. 1LT Childers' family members donated money from the Shane Childers Memorial Fund to the university that day.

1LT Childers was described as a born leader. 1LT Childers also served in the 1991 Gulf War. At the time of his death, 1LT Childers was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California.

1LT Childers devoted his life to the defense of our country. His leadership on the battlefield will always be remembered.

FIREARM RISK PROTECTION ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reintroduce the Firearm Risk Protection Act, innovative legislation to promote safe gun ownership I first introduced in 2013.

Too often, our communities are left looking for answers after horrific tragedies inflicted with dangerous firearms. Every day, 48 children and teens die from gun violence, and too often because of preventable accidents.

A requirement to carry liability insurance is a market-based solution that would hold gun owners responsible for the risk their firearms present, and create incentives for responsible gun safety practices.

The Firearm Risk Protection Act would harness the power of insurance markets to allow

professional actuaries to determine the risk presented by each gun and gun owner. Just as with car insurance, higher-risk owners or firearms would face higher premiums, while responsible owners could qualify for reduced rates.

As gun violence continues to claim lives across the country, Congress should look for new ways to promote gun safety and prevent future tragedies. I hope my colleagues will join me to support this forward-thinking legislation.

GUNSLINGER CUSTOM PAINT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gunslinger Custom Paint for winning the 2016 Business Recognition Award from the Jeffco EDC.

In 2003, Gunslinger Custom Paint was founded by Jeff Theisen and Dave Call as a sister company to Pearl Auto Body. Theisen and Call founded Gunslinger with the purpose of creating impressive, eye-catching designs that combine custom paint with unique fabrication concepts to meet the needs and desires of motorcyclists. Using nationally known designers, airbrush artists and pin strippers, Gunslinger ensures excellence and creativity and can range from innovative, wild designs to more mild designs with custom colors and effects. The company is known for its cutting-edge artwork and is a Tier 1 supplier for the largest motorcycle company in the United States. Recently, Gunslinger added a third facility on Pine Ridge Road in Golden.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Gunslinger Custom Paint for this well-deserved recognition from the Jeffco EDC.

RECOGNIZING DEPUTY CHIEF DANIEL PEREZ JR.

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Deputy Chief Daniel Perez Jr. on the occasion of his retirement from the Salinas' Sheriff office after serving the public for 32 years. An outstanding officer and citizen, Deputy Chief Daniel Perez Jr. has dedicated much of his life to safeguarding the community of Salinas County. In addition to his time as an officer of the law, Daniel Perez is a strong voice in many nonprofit organizations and within his own community.

Dan was born and raised in Salinas and is a graduate of Alisal High School. He has a degree from Hartnell College in Criminal Justice, a Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Behavior from the University of San Francisco, and a Master's Degree in Human Resources from Chapman University. He is a graduate of the POST Supervisory Leadership Institute and POST Command College. He's received several awards and recognitions throughout his 32-year career.

Deputy Chief Dan Perez began his law enforcement career in 1984 with the Monterey

Co. Sheriff's Dept. as a Level II Reserve deputy working patrol, and special events. He was hired full-time as a Patrol Deputy in May of 1995. He attended the Alameda County Police Academy in Pleasanton, CA., graduating No. 2 overall in his class. During his career at MCSO, he worked out of the Salinas, and King City stations. He attained the rank of Corporal/FTO, and also worked as a Coroner's Investigator. He was on the Sheriff's SWAT team and Riot Control Team. He worked for the Sheriff's Office until February 1, 1992.

Dan joined the Salinas Police Department on February 2, 1992. He's held many assignments in his career to include patrol officer, field training officer, and SWAT team member. He was promoted to Police Corporal in 1993 and Police Sergeant in 1995. In addition to patrol, he's been the sergeant of the Violence Suppression Unit, Personnel and Training Unit, and Traffic Unit.

He was promoted to Lieutenant in 2001 and later to Police Commander in 2005. He has managed units and programs in all three divisions of the police department: Patrol, Investigations, and Administration. He served as an Area Commander, Tactical Commander, and Incident Commander throughout these assignments. He was then promoted to Deputy Chief in 2013, and is currently the Investigations Division Chief.

Dan has been active in the community throughout his entire career. He has volunteered his time towards programs and committees such as explorers, school yearbook committees, and youth and high school football, basketball, and baseball programs. He sat on the board of directors of three local non-profit agencies: The Salinas Police Activities League (PAL), Sun Street Centers, and Second Chance Youth and Family Services.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the dedication and hard work Deputy Chief Daniel Perez Jr. has done for others during his time serving with the Salinas Police Department. I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing the selflessness service of Deputy Chief Daniel Perez Jr. and to congratulate him on his well-earned retirement. I extend my personal appreciation to Deputy Chief Daniel Perez Jr. for his service to his community.

HONORING INDUCTION OF RICHARD CHILDRESS INTO THE NASCAR HALL OF FAME

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mr. BUDD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the racing legend Richard Childress upon his induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

Richard Childress' iconic career began 50 years ago when he bought his 1947 Plymouth for \$20 at the age of 17. That simple moment in time was a pinpoint in history that would ignite Childress' passion for motorsports leaving an imprint on NASCAR fans across the country. As a driver, Mr. Childress laid claim to (6) top 5 and (76) top 10 finishes. In 1981, Mr. Childress climbed out of the driver's seat and into the owner's role full time.

Beginning as a one-man operation, Childress has grown his organization to more than 500 employees. His cars have compiled over 100 victories and 2,588 major series starts. In 1981 he kicked his team's performance into overdrive when he paired up with late great Dale Earnhardt, who was part of the inaugural NASCAR Hall of Fame class. The duo would become known as one of the most successful partnerships in NASCAR, winning a total of six Cup championships together. Mr. Childress has a total 11 Cup Championships and counting, putting him second on the all-time list for owners.

Childress' legacy is not exclusive to NASCAR. Following his racing career, he remains an active member of the North Carolina community. In 2008, the Childress family began working with Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center and subsequently founded the Childress Institute for Pediatric Trauma after discovering that pediatric trauma was the number one killer of children in the United States.

Mr. Childress' contributions and accomplishments to the sport and his community deserve to be celebrated and honored. Mr. Childress' induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame not only speaks to his incredible achievements in stock car racing, but also to his character, business acumen, and his drive to succeed and win. Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Richard Childress and his entire family and organization on his induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO BRENDA GALVEZ—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Every year, we give special recognition to the accomplishments and sacrifices made by America's women. I consider it an honor to highlight the extraordinary women who are making a difference in my District. I would like to recognize one outstanding woman, Brenda Galvez, of Los Alamos, California.

Brenda serves her community as a bilingual translator for the Orcutt Union School District at several school sites, but plays a particularly important role at Olga Reed School in Los Alamos, where she has been part of the staff for several years and is beloved by both parents and students. Los Alamos is an agricultural community and leans on Brenda to serve as a liaison between the schools and Spanish speaking parents.

Her expertise is utilized at Special Education IEP meetings, where having a translator for the parents and service providers is vital for student success. Brenda continues to aid her community by being the sole founder of Padres en Acción, a committee whose mission is to keep Spanish speaking parents informed about school matters.

Brenda goes above and beyond by also helping on the school playgrounds, the administration offices, and the cafeterias. There is no doubt that Brenda embodies the credo of her school district "where a dedicated staff means kids come first."

She serves as an instrumental lifeline to the Los Alamos community and has selflessly served her students. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Brenda Galvez, for her incredible service to her community.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. ROSEMARY SARRI FOR RECEIVING THE ALTERNATIVES FOR GIRLS' ROLE MODEL AWARD

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Rosemary Sarri, a distinguished scholar and recipient of the Alternatives for Girls' 2017 Role Model award. Ms. Sarri's groundbreaking social science research has contributed to a better understanding of criminal justice and child welfare while helping advance social welfare policies that benefit Michigan families.

After receiving her doctorate in Social Work and Sociology from the University of Michigan, Dr. Sarri was named an assistant professor at the University in 1962. Throughout her career, Dr. Sarri was recognized as a leading expert on social policy and poverty among families and children. Her research has focused on the long-term impact of incarceration on individuals, as well as the effects of poverty on families and children. In addition to having published extensive research on these issues, Dr. Sarri has consulted with numerous nonprofits, think tanks and national governments, including those of Australia and South Korea. She also has extensive international teaching experience, including training faculty at schools of social work in China.

Dr. Sarri's work had transformed our understanding of family welfare and has allowed us to enact policies that target the underlying factors that create poverty and modernize criminal justice to reduce recidivism. She has worked with the Michigan Department of Human Services as well as the Michigan Collaborative on Juvenile Justice to translate her research into actionable policy at the state level. Additionally, Dr. Sarri has received many accolades for her innovative research, including the University of Michigan Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award and the National Association of Social Workers' Presidential Award for Research. Dr. Sarri continues to hold a position with the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research, and her research has inspired a new generation of scholars in the fields of social work and family policy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Rosemary Sarri for receiving the Alternatives for Girls' 2017 Role Model Award. Dr. Sarri's scholarship and real-world impact has benefited Michigan's families while advancing knowledge in a variety of disciplines.